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To establish the Great Falls Historic District Commission for the preservation and redevelopment of the Great Falls National Historic District in Paterson, New Jersey.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KLEIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.**

4 For the purpose of preserving and interpreting for
5 the educational and inspirational benefit of present and
6 future generations the unique and significant contribution
7 to our national heritage of certain historic and cultural
8 lands, waterways, and edifices in the Great Falls of the
9 Passaic/S.U.M. National Historic District located in the

1 City of Paterson, State of New Jersey (Alexander Hamil-
2 ton's laboratory for the development of industrial America
3 as well as America's first industrial city) with emphasis
4 on harnessing this unique urban environment for its edu-
5 cational value as well as for recreation, there is hereby
6 established the Great Falls Historic District Commission
7 (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission"), the pur-
8 pose of which shall be to prepare a plan for the preserva-
9 tion, interpretation, development, and use, by public and
10 private entities, of the historic, cultural, and architectural
11 resources of the Great Falls of Passaic/S.U.M. National
12 Historic District in the City of Paterson, State of New
13 Jersey.

14 **SEC. 2. MEMBERS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall consist of
16 nine members, as follows:

17 (1) The Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary
18 of Housing and Urban Development, the Secretary
19 of Transportation, and the Secretary of Commerce,
20 all ex officio.

21 (2) Five members appointed by the Secretary of
22 the Interior, one of whom shall be the Director of
23 the National Park Service, two of whom shall be ap-
24 pointed from recommendations submitted by the
25 Mayor of the City of Paterson, one of whom shall be

1 appointed from recommendations submitted by the
2 Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Pas-
3 saic, New Jersey, and one of whom shall be ap-
4 pointed from recommendations submitted by the
5 Governor of the State of New Jersey. The members
6 appointed pursuant to this paragraph shall have
7 knowledge and experience in one or more of the
8 fields of history, architecture, the arts, recreation
9 planning, city planning, or government.

10 (b) SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS; COMPENSATION.—(1)
11 Each member of the Commission specified in paragraph
12 (1) of subsection (a) and the Director of the National
13 Park Service may designate an alternate official to serve
14 in his stead.

15 (2) Members appointed pursuant to paragraph (2) of
16 subsection (a) who are officers or employees of the Federal
17 Government, the City of Paterson, the County of Passaic,
18 or the State of New Jersey, shall serve without compensa-
19 tion as such. Other members, when engaged in activities
20 of the Commission, shall be entitled to compensation at
21 the rate of not to exceed \$100 per diem. All members of
22 the Commission shall receive reimbursement for necessary
23 travel and subsistence expenses incurred by them in the
24 performance of the duties of the Commission.

1 **SEC. 3. ORGANIZATION.**

2 (a) CHAIRMAN.—(1) The Commission shall elect a
3 Chairman from among its members.

4 (2) Financial and administrative services (including
5 those relating to budgeting, accounting, financial report-
6 ing, personnel, and procurement) shall be provided for the
7 Commission by the General Services Administration, for
8 which payments shall be made in advance, or by reim-
9 bursement, from funds of the Commission in such
10 amounts as may be agreed upon by the Chairman of the
11 Commission and the Administrator, General Services Ad-
12 ministration. The regulations of the Department of the In-
13 terior for the collection of indebtedness of personnel re-
14 sulting from erroneous payments shall apply to the collec-
15 tion of erroneous payments made to or on behalf of a Com-
16 mission employee, and regulations of said Secretary for
17 the administrative control of funds shall apply to appro-
18 priations of the Commission. The Commission shall not
19 be required to prescribe such regulations.

20 (b) STAFF.—The Commission shall have power to ap-
21 point and fix the compensation of such additional person-
22 nel as may be necessary to carry out its duties, without
23 regard to the provisions of the civil service laws and the
24 Classification Act of 1949.

25 (c) TEMPORARY AND INTERMITTENT SERVICES.—
26 The Commission may also procure, without regard to the

1 civil service laws and the Classification Act of 1949, tem-
2 porary and intermittent services to the same extent as is
3 authorized for the executive departments by section 15 of
4 the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946, but at rates not
5 to exceed \$100 per diem for individuals.

6 (d) FACILITIES AND SERVICES.—The members of the
7 Commission specified in paragraph (1) of section 2(a)
8 shall provide the Commission, on a reimbursable basis,
9 with such facilities and services under their jurisdiction
10 and control as may be needed by the Commission to carry
11 out its duties, to the extent that such facilities and services
12 are requested by the Commission and are otherwise avail-
13 able for that purpose. To the extent of available appropria-
14 tions, the Commission may obtain, by purchase, rental, do-
15 nation, or otherwise, such additional property, facilities,
16 and services as may be needed to carry out its duties.
17 Upon the termination of the Commission all property, per-
18 sonal and real, and unexpended funds shall be transferred
19 to the Department of the Interior.

20 **SEC. 4. PLAN.**

21 It shall be the duty of the Commission to prepare
22 the plan referred to in section 1, and to submit the plan
23 together with any recommendations for additional legisla-
24 tion, to the Congress not later than eighteen months from
25 the effective date of this Act. The plan for the Great Falls

1 of the Passaic/S.U.M. Historic District shall include con-
2 siderations and recommendations, without limitation, re-
3 garding—

4 (1) the objectives to be achieved by the estab-
5 lishment, development, and operation of the area;

6 (2) the types of use, both public and private, to
7 be accommodated;

8 (3) criteria for the design and appearance of
9 buildings, facilities, open spaces, and other improve-
10 ments;

11 (4) a program for the staging of development;

12 (5) the anticipated interpretive, cultural, and
13 recreational programs and uses for the area;

14 (6) the proposed ownership and operation of all
15 structures, facilities, and lands;

16 (7) areas where cooperative agreements may be
17 anticipated; and

18 (8) estimates of costs, both public and private,
19 of implementing and insuring continuing conform-
20 ance to the plan.

21 **SEC. 5. TERMINATION.**

22 The Commission shall be dissolved (1) upon the ter-
23 mination, as determined by its members, of need for its
24 continued existence for the implementation of the plan and
25 the operation or coordination of the entity established by

1 the plan, or (2) upon expiration of a two-year period com-
2 mencing on the effective date of this Act, whereupon the
3 completed plan has not been submitted to the Congress,
4 whichever occurs later.

5 **SEC. 6. PROPOSED AUTHORIZATIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN**
6 **PLAN.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—It is contemplated that the plan
8 to be developed may propose that the Commission may
9 be authorized to—

10 (1) acquire lands and interests therein within
11 the Great Falls of the Passaic/S.U.M. Historic Dis-
12 trict by purchase, lease, donation, or exchange;

13 (2) hold, maintain, use, develop, or operate
14 buildings, facilities, and any other properties;

15 (3) sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of real or
16 personal property as necessary to carry out the plan;

17 (4) enter into and perform such contracts,
18 leases, cooperative agreements, or other transactions
19 with any agency or instrumentality of the United
20 States, the State of New Jersey, and any govern-
21 mental unit within its boundaries, or any person,
22 firm, association, or corporation as may be nec-
23 essary;

24 (5) establish (through covenants, regulations,
25 agreements, or otherwise) such restrictions, stand-

1 ards, and requirements as are necessary to assure
2 development, maintenance, use, and protection of
3 the Great Falls of the Passaic/S.U.M. Historic Dis-
4 trict in accordance with the plan; and

5 (6) borrow money from the Treasury of the
6 United States in such amounts as may be authorized
7 in appropriations Acts on the basis of obligations is-
8 sued by the Commission in accordance with terms
9 and conditions approved by the Secretary of the
10 Treasury.

11 (b) PURCHASE OF OBLIGATIONS.— The Secretary of
12 the Treasury is authorized and directed to purchase any
13 such obligations of the Commission.

14 **SEC. 7. TITLE TO PROPERTY.**

15 Title to property of the Commission shall be in the
16 name of the Commission, but it shall not be subject to
17 any Federal, State, or municipal taxes.

18 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

19 There are authorized to be appropriated not to exceed
20 \$200,000 for the preparation of the plan authorized by
21 this Act.

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